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In the claims:

1-3 cancelled.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of encrypting, comprising:
obtaining text-containing information and formatting information, said formatting
information including at least font information;
formatting said text-containing information into a format for display, to form an
electronic file representing formatted unencrypted information; and
encrypting said electronic file representing formatted unencrypted information to
form formatted encrypted information A method as in claim 1, wherein said encrypting
comprises determining a distance to a transition between a first color and a second
color, and coding said distance.

5-12 cancelled

13. (Previously Presented) A method of encrypting, comprising:
obtaining text-containing information file, which is one of is one of ASCII
text, a word processing file, or HTML;
formatting said text-containing information into a formatted electronic file
format for display, to form formatted unencrypted information;

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encrypting said formatted unencrypted information according to an encryption key, to form formatted encrypted information, said encrypting comprising determining distances between transitions in said formatted unencrypted information; transmitting said formatted encrypted information over a channel to a client; and

at said client, decrypting and displaying said formatted unencrypted information.

14. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 13, further comprising changing said encrypting in a way, to prevent decryption by stitching together parts of the information.

15. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 13, wherein said encrypting comprises determining distances between transitions on a specified line of the formatted information, and determining numbers indicative of said distances.